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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Procurement Division, OL

ATTENTION: 

THROUGH: Chief, Support Staff, HPIC

SUBJECT: Equipment Classification Downgrading - 

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1. At the outset of the negotiation phase for the Contact Chip Printer, it was determined by Security Staff, OL, and the technical contract monitor that the equipment and subsequent drawings and reports should be classified **SECRET** because of the number and types of classification fonts required on the printing head for print-out on the film chip. This requirement has now been eliminated in that the contractor will fabricate only the font holding mechanism, and the actual classifications will be made up in-house after delivery and acceptance of the equipment.

2. A second point, deemed originally to warrant the **SECRET** classification, was the unusual chip size of 4" x 5" which was at variance with the so-called DOD standard chip of 70mm x 100mm. As a result of the current effort of the CODIB Task Team VIII in determining a standard Photo Chip size, this 4" x 5" size has now become common knowledge in the Intelligence Community, and appears to have a possibility of being a size that will be recommended to CODIB for acceptance.

3. Since the above points originally felt to require the **SECRET** classification have been alleviated, it is recommended that the contract classification be changed to **CONFIDENTIAL** as to agency association and **UNCLASSIFIED** as to equipment, drawings, and reports.

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